

There are extraordinary things done in late times around here. This was done at 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning the day before yesterday, and no one can identify who did it. But the bill was filed, the order has been made, and there is absolutely nothing we can do other than question the authenticity of someone who would simply change the legislation, not initial it, have no identification. I have checked with the Appropriations Committee. I have checked with the Members of the House involved. Nobody owns up to changing the designation of the CARA bill from the Energy Committee in the Department of Interior over to the

Commerce Committee and the Secretary of Commerce.

The bill has been filed. As a consequence, the question is, What can we do about it? The President may veto the legislation. We may have another opportunity.

On the other hand, we did have a colloquy by Senator LOTT, Senator DASCHLE, Senator BYRD, Senator STEVENS, and myself. I think it addresses the reality that the best thing we can do is get out of here. I know the Presiding Officer would agree. But as we look at what we are coming back to tomorrow, a single vote on a continuing resolution for 1 day—and another one

on Sunday—it seems to be an effort in futility.

But in any event, Mr. President, I thank you for being patient, and particularly the staff, as well, who probably had hoped this Senator would not show up when he walked in the door.

RECESS UNTIL 9:30 A.M.  
TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in recess until the hour of 9:30 a.m., tomorrow, Saturday, October 28, 2000.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 7:54 p.m., recessed until Saturday, October 28, 2000, at 9:30 a.m.